Reorganisation of CBI

714. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the branches of CBI have been reorganised recently to improve its functioning; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under reorganisation of the CBI, which became effective from mid 1994, 354 new posts in different ranks were created. The CBI has now been divided into three Divisions viz, Anti corruption Division, Special Crime Division and Economic Offences Division. Consequent to reorganisation 14 new branches have come into existence. Three new units at Gangtok, Port Blair and Trivandrum have also been established.

Courts's Direction on J&K Election

715. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court assigned jointly to Government and the Election Commission to determine and decide upon the suitability of the situation to hold free and fair elections to the legislature in Jammu & Kashmir and to fix a time-frame for the same;

(b) if so, what precise directions were given by the Apex Court; and

(c) what was Government's assessment of the situation in J&K and its suitability for holding elections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) to (c) In November 1995, after careful consideration and detailed deliberations about various aspects of the situation prevailing in the State of J&K, the Government had taken a decision that the situation was conducive and that it would be timely to hold elections to the State Assembly in December 1995. Accordingly, a recommendation to this effect was made to the Election Commission with a request to initiate necessary steps for this purpose. The Election Commission, however, took the view that the time was not yet conducive to holding free and fair elections in the State.

In a Public Interest Writ Petition filed in the Supreme Court against the Election Commission's decision not to recommend to the Governor of J&K the holding of Assembly Elections in December 1995, the Supreme Court had *inter alia* observed in an interim order on 11th January that: "We make it clear that it shall be open to the Constitutional Authorities concerned with the holding of elections in Jammu and Kashmir to continue the dialogue and if they reach a decision in the meanwhile, they are at liberty to inform the Court within two weeks." The Government have since had further discussions with the Election Commission on the question of holding Elections in Jammu & Kashmir on 24 January, 1996, and further consultations in the matter are being continued.

Late Running of Mail/Express Trains

716. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing incidence of delay in the running of Mail/Express trains;

(b) whether Government have identified these late running trains;

(c) if so, the train-wise and monthwise details thereof in 1995-96 till date; and

(d) the steps taken to maintain the punctuality of different trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) to (c) The